



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: KALUSH et al.

Art Unit: 1646

Serial No.: 09/933,267

Examiner: O. Chernyshev

Filed: August 21, 2001

Atty. Docket: CL000258CI4

For: ESTROGEN RECEPTOR ALPHA
VARIANTS AND METHODS OF DETECTION
THEREO

Preliminary Amendment (Response to Restriction Requirement)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action from Examiner Chernyshev mailed on October 3, 2003 in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above referenced application. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, thereby extending the due date of the present response to Monday, January 5, 2004. Please charge the extension of time fee to deposit account number 50-0970.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect claim group III (claims 4-11 and 15, drawn to isolated nucleic acid molecules, host cells, methods of protein production, etc.) for examination and have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected groups I-II and IV-VII.

Please amend the application as follows:

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